Relief work for tsunami victims in A and N Islands

987. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rehabilitation and reconstruction work for tsunami victims in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is unlikely to meet the March, 2009 deadline;

(b) if so, by when such work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the number of permanent houses constructed for tsunami victims so far in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Except 9019 permanent shelters, some projects in other sectors will spill over beyond March, 2009. Completion of works pertaining to ports & jetties, fish landing centers, power and tourism projects will spill over beyond 2010.

(c) 3083 permanent houses have been constructed till 30.11.2008.

Additional assistance to States for police modernisation

†988. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have sought additional assistance for the modernisation of police;

(b) the amount sought and sanctioned during last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States were given less assistance against their demand;

(d) whether Chhattisgarh and Gujarat figured therein; and

(e) the reasons therefor, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) Proposals seeking more funds, over and above initial allocations made during 2007-08, were received from various State Governments. On the basis of additional funds made available by the Ministry of Finance and based on the requests received from State Governments, additional funds were released to the States under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces during 2007-08. A statement showing the proposals received from various States seeking additional funds and additional funds released thereon by the Ministry during 2007-08, including to Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, is enclosed. (*See* below).

During 2008-09, so far the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Manipur and Uttarakhand have sought additional funds over and above the

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